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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A three dimensional object creation system that prints objects layer by layer, the system including:
a semiconductor memory storing data defining at least one layer; and
at least two printheads, the system printing at least part of each of multiple layers simultaneously,
wherein the printheads are configured to enable printing of at least two different materials in at least one layer, and wherein a first printhead is actively maintained at a first temperature and a second printhead is actively maintained at a second temperature.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the printheads are configured to enable printing of more than two different materials in at least one layer.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 including at least one first printhead for printing a first material and at least one second printhead for printing a second material.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 including at least one printhead that can print at least two different materials.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein more than 100 layers are printed simultaneously.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the printheads are fixed inkjet printheads that simultaneously print the full width of the products.
7. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the system includes a plurality of printheads.
8. (Cancelled)

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9. A system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the printheads are configured such that at least one of the layers may be printed with a first set of materials and at least one other of the layers may be printed with a second set of materials, and

wherein the first and second sets are not the same.

10. A system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the system is configured to enable at least one first printhead that is initially configured to print at least part of a first layer to be dynamically reconfigured to print at least part of a second layer.

11. A system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the system is configured to enable at least one first printhead that is initially configured to print at least part of a first layer to be dynamically reconfigured to print at least part of a second layer, and

wherein if at least one printhead initially configured to print the second layer fails whilst printing said second layer, said at least one first printhead is dynamically reconfigured to complete the printing of at least part of said second layer.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 which executes a process, the system including a plurality of subsystems, each of which performs a stage of the process, each of the subsystems configured to perform one of a first subset of N_1 of the stages, where N is greater than 1 and to change the stage of the subset being performed on receipt of a change instruction;

wherein, in the event that one of the subsystems fails, at least one of the remaining subsystems synchronously changes to performing the respective stage of the failed subsystem without requiring transfer of data relating the respective stage to the said at least one remaining subsystems, and

when a subsystem changes to performing a different stage, the system reconfigures the subsystem to be capable of performing a second subset N_2 of the stages where N_1 and N_2 have the same number of stages.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 including a least two printheads, a first one

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of the printheads printing a first material and a second one of the printheads printing a second material, the first material being cured by a first method and the second material being cured by a second method and wherein the first and second methods are different.

16. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 including at least one printhead for printing material to create a printed product; and
an object incorporation device that incorporates inorganic semiconductors into the product being printed whilst the at least one printhead prints the product.

17. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 including at least one object incorporation device that incorporates non-printed objects into partially completed product, the non-printed objects not being printed by the system.

18. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 including an object incorporation device that inserts at least one non-printed object into at least one cavity created during the printing process, the object incorporation device incorporating the at least one non-printed object into the at least one cavity during the printing of the respective printed object.

19. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1 including at least one printhead that prints electrical connections to at least one object incorporated in the products.